



GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

August 19, 2025 - 5:30 pm

Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Chodzko, Raphael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Edith Mendoza, Bud Mehan, Jenny Parsons, Vincent Riveroll, Cecil H. Steppe, and Viridiana Word.

EXCUSED:

Mari Cruz Avalos, Michelle Evans, Jacque Nevels, Michael Rodrigues,.

CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and the roll was called.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Board members reviewed the agenda items and agreed to discuss the finance portion of the meeting before the Superintendent's Report.

ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS :

1. Review of the Minutes:

- 1a. Board members reviewed the minutes from the June 17, 2025 board meeting.
There were no changes needed.

*Motion to approve June 17, 2025 minutes m/s/c Word/Hernandez -9 In favor – 1
Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert:
abstention; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: Aye; Riveroll: aye;
Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

2. Superintendent's Report (Superintendent Riveroll/GPA Leadership)

Superintendent Riveroll introduced Chief Levenson to speak about the next items. The Director's Report is sent in advance to board members. Superintendent Riveroll discussed PD, 2025 data and his current teaching assignment.

2a. Consent Agenda Policy:

Chief Levenson explained the Consent Agenda Policy and how it will be a tool used to streamline the approval of routine, non-controversial items by grouping them together and approving them with a single motion.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Policy m/s/c Chodzko/Parsons -9 In favor – 1 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: abstention; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: Aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

3. Consent Agenda Items (GPA Leadership)

Chief Levenson explained how the items added to the consent agenda are routine in nature, and there's a way to address them during a council meeting that helps get through them faster. A consent agenda is a governance tool that streamlines some of the items on the agenda. Not items were requested to be pulled from the consent agenda.

3a-e.) 3a. Uniform Complaint Policy (UCP), 3b. Homeless Education Policy, 3c. Suspension/ Expulsion Policy, 3d. Title IX Policy, 3e. Suicide Prevention Policy

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Policy m/s/c Word/Lobbins -9 In favor – 1 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: abstention; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: Aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

4. Finance Committee Report (Finance Chair Word/Consultant L. Tamayo)

Finance Chair Word explained how items are added to the agenda in the finance section after being completely vetted, in advance, by the Finance Committee in their monthly meetings. Superintendent Riveroll proposed having a Special Zoom Meeting for Monday September 8 at 11:30am to discuss unaudited actuals prior to due date.

4a. Monthly Financials:

Mr. Tamayo presented the June financials, which have been provided in advance to our board members. He then answered questions from our board members.

Motion to approve the June Financials m/s/c Word/Chodzko -10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Hernandez: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: Aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Board Chair Steppe)

No public comments were received.

6. Closed Session (Board Chair Steppe)

(Riveroll and Word Excused from Closed Session)

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54957.6.) Agency designated representative(s): Chairman of the Board Unrepresented employee: Superintendent. *(Riveroll and Word were excused from Closed Session)*

7. Return to Open Session:

It was determined by the Board, Superintendent Riveroll would receive a one-time non-merit bonus of 10% of his 2025- 2026 annual salary on 9/15/2025. This one-time non-merit bonus is in line with the one-time non-merit bonuses GPA returning staff received. In addition the Board directs staff to memorialize in the language of all future employment agreements for Superintendent Riveroll that anytime all staff receive a stipend or one-time payment, the Superintendent does as well.

Motion to approve a one time payment of 10% for Superintendent Riveroll m/s/c Parsons/Hurlbert 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – 0 opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Hernandez: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: Aye; Steppe: aye; Riveroll: ab and Word: ab.

7. Adjournment of Regular Meeting (Board Chair Steppe):

Board will sent information on required ethics trainings and September Board meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting m/s/c Chozko/Hernandez -8 In favor – 0 Abstention – 2 opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Hernandez: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Mehan: aye; Parsons: Aye; Steppe: aye; Riveroll: ab and Word: ab.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33p.m.

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